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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/687,267	Applicant(s) PHILLIPS ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Vicky A. Johnson. (3) ____.
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Date of Interview: 01 November 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: ____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 10, and 17.

Identification of prior art discussed: Prior art of record.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It was agreed that the amendments to claims 10 and 17 that were entered into the file on April 18, 2006 are allowable over the Farley reference. It was also agreed that an amendment to claim 1 to further define the movement of the retractor blade is required in order for claim 1 to be allowable over the Farley reference. The applicant was also advised that further search would be required.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required